

Something to be Learned Fulbright Hits 'Bumbling' in U-2 Case, Says U.S. Prestige at New Low as Result

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WASHINGTON — Senate Foreign Relations Chairman J. William Fulbright said Tuesday the speech that "we have not yet seen the last of the results" of bumbling in the U-2 spy plane; the abortive May 1 flight which

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Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev seized upon to wreck the Summit meeting.

He said, however, that there is something to be learned from recent events "if we can disabuse ourselves of the habit of self-delusion, of viewing defeats as victories and of adverting blunders as strokes of genius."

"One is the need for better coordination and much firmer direction of all governmental activities affecting foreign relations, if this is not to come from the White House. It should come from the State Department."

Fulbright spoke before formally laying before the Senate his committee's majority report on its inquiry into the spy plane flight and subsequent summit collapse. The report says the blunder on the administration than Fulbright.

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THEN, IN A direct slap at the White House, he said that "what is lacking is not so much coordination as direction. It is not the machinery which is at fault so much as the people who operate it."

"Elaborate arrangements for coordination are really nothing more than a poor substitute for a firm hand directing affairs. It is the difference between making a hurried phone call to Gettysburg for approval of a coordinated position and receiving clear instructions based upon reflective consideration from the White House."

He said testimony showed that Eisenhower sat in on only one of the top-level meetings on handling of the U-2 incident and approved one major decision by telephone from Gettysburg, where he was weekendending.

FULBRIGHT also noted with alarm reports that many persons in the Administration favor resuming the U-2 flights over Russia.

"Short of the shadows of preventive war, I can think of nothing more dangerous than to resume overflights of the Soviet Union," he declared.